

SENATE BILL 3718

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 13; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and
Title 67, relative to regional transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 64-8-209.

(a) There is created a special joint legislative study committee to study the need for a local dedicated funding source for public transportation in the Middle Tennessee Region.

(b) During its deliberations, the special joint committee shall study the various sources of local revenue that could be dedicated to public transportation to fund Middle Tennessee's public transportation system, and also investigate the ways and means to enhance such existing sources of revenue, and identify potential new sources of revenue for the future.

(c) The committee shall consist of eight (8) legislative members and three (3) nonvoting ad hoc members as follows:

(1) Three (3) members of the house of representatives as follows:

(A) The Davidson County house delegation chair; and

(B) Two (2) representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, including at least (1) member who serves on the house transportation committee;

(2) Three (3) members of the senate as follows:

(A) The Davidson County senate delegation chair; and

(B) Two (2) Senators appointed by the speaker of the senate, including at least one (1) member who serves on the senate transportation committee;

(3) The chair of the house transportation committee;

(4) The chair of the senate transportation committee; and

(5) Three (3) ad hoc members who shall represent Middle Tennessee local governments as follows:

(A) The chair of the Middle Tennessee mayors caucus and two (2) Middle Tennessee local elected government officials appointed by the governor.

(d) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

(e) All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly. Non-legislative members of the special joint committee shall serve without compensation.

(f) The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect from among its legislative membership a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers as the committee deems necessary.

(g) The special joint legislative study committee shall report its findings to the transportation committees of the house of representatives and the senate no later than January 15, 2011, at which time such committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
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